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Steve Miller

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Mr. Miller: Rep. Debra Kolste would like to have drafted an AJR regarding proclaiming November as Wisconsin Adoption Month, given that the month is National Adoption Month.

The proposed text is below and attached, but we welcome any suggestions.

Thank you.

Steve Engelbert Office of Representative Debra Kolste 8 North, State Capitol (608) 266-7503

Whereas, since 1995, American presidents have proclaimed each November as National Adoption Month and have asked the people of the United States to observe the month by answering the call to find a permanent and caring family for every child in need and by supporting the families that care for them; and

Whereas, in Wisconsin in 2010, 1,159 foster children in Wisconsin were waiting to be adopted and these children risk reaching adulthood without permanent families of their own; and

Whereas, foster care was intended to be temporary, but many Wisconsin children remain in foster homes for long periods, the average length of stay in foster care being more than three and a half years; and

Whereas, older children in Wisconsin are less likely to be adopted than younger ones, the average age of adopted children being 6.2 years and the average age of children waiting to be adopted is 7.7 years; and

Whereas, in 2010, 410 children in Wisconsin became too old to continue in foster care without having been adopted by a permanent, legal family; and

Whereas, a permanent family plays an important role in helping young adults take their places in society and;

Whereas, providing stable homes and an opportunity for happiness and success for children who have been displaced through no fault of their own is a commendable act that benefits not only those children and the adopting family but all of us; and Whereas, it is in the best interest of our state and people to encourage and promote adoption; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That

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